

COL. HERBERT SEES JOYFUL REUNION

Confederate Veteran Predicts War Conditions Will Prove Aid to Gathering Here.

TO BLEND BLUE AND GRAY

That existing war conditions will serve to increase the attendance and interest in the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans in this city this week beginning June 1 is the belief of Col. Henry A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy, for sixteen years a representative in Congress and himself a Confederate veteran. It is his opinion that the gathering of the men in gray at this time will mean a sure enough blending of the blue and the gray, and will result in a genuine patriotic love feast of the grim fighters of a former century.

In a communication sent to Robert N. Harper, general chairman of the reunion committee, Col. Herbert says:

"I agree with our commander-in-chief, Gen. Harrison, in his letter to Gen. Frazier of Selma, Ala., that there is no good reason why the reunion should be called off because of our war with Germany. On the contrary, I believe it is the duty of every Confederate to attend and make this reunion the success it was intended to be."

Union Men to Greet Them.

"Col. M. M. Parker, a gallant Union soldier at Washington, is a member of the reunion committee, which as host is preparing to welcome us. President Wilson will greet us with one of his great speeches. The city authorities will greet us. Corporal Tanner, for the Union veterans of Washington, will make us a speech like that which electrified the audience of the Confederate when Washington city won their hearts two years ago. Our hosts, the city authorities, will see that no word that could offend their guests."

"We as guests, mindful of the rules that govern gentlemen, will offer no word that could offend any citizen of Washington. We will wear our uniforms and bear our old flag along with the flag of the Union to signify that the memories of the past and with everything that is in him is loyal to his country today and is with it in this war, as every speech coming from any of us will testify."

Surely America is great enough and big enough to hold a reunion like this while making preparations for war, which is probably all we will be doing on land in June next. As for the talk about having no heart for the reception and other things, it is a pity that we should have to hear such things. We are always on occasion. One of my most delightful and glorious memories is the Army of Northern Virginia in the winter of 1862-4. Grant, a great general, was preparing a great army to beat the men just before the river, an army that immensely outnumbered us, and could be indefinitely increased, to attack us when the spring opened, and we could get no reinforcements. We had our prayer meetings and rose from every prayer better fortified for the coming struggle.

Also Had Their Sports.

"But we also had our sports, our ball games, our tournaments, our dances, our rides with the girls. The campaign opened with the battle of the Wilderness, that began on May 5, and the dance at night that followed our May day celebration, which had been held just five days before, and which I attended, is today one of my most delightful memories."

"Of course, we will enjoy the receptions and the greetings that are awaiting us probably in the White House, and elsewhere in Washington, and why shouldn't we? All America will rejoice with us over the lasting peace within our borders that has followed our own struggle, and in the midst of all this rejoicing at Washington we may all of us find there truly and fervently pray that a world peace as lasting as our own may follow the world war that is now and will probably then be going on."

Col. Herbert said President Wilson's message to Congress of April 4, in which he called for a declaration of war with Germany, will stand side by side with the Declaration of Independence, which was the statement of reasons why the thirteen colonies should separate from Great Britain. Future historians will well denounce it as "The Declaration of the right of all nations to govern in their own way."

ONLY ELIGIBLES USED IN WAR DEPARTMENT

Applicants Have No Chance Unless Certified by Civil Service Commission.

Because of the great number of applications for appointments in the War Department it has been found necessary to prepare a circular saying that the Department is not making any appointments except of eligible persons as defined by the United States civil service commission from their lists established by competitive examination. The civil service commission has advised the War Department that it will be able to supply all the Department's needs for appointments from their eligible lists. Persons seeking appointment are referred to that commission, at Washington, D. C., to obtain the necessary application blanks and information concerning the examinations and the dates on which they will be held. Due to the great volume of work and the tremendous number of applications, the War Department is unable to acknowledge them except by circular.

ASKS HELP FOR RUSSIA.

Philadelphia Sets Forth Needs in Letter to President.

The pressing need for extending aid to Russia, particularly by sending efficiency engineers to build up railroads and other industries, has been called to President Wilson's attention in a letter from Michael M. Podolsky, a distinguished Russian engineer, formerly connected with the Russian government, and now living in Philadelphia. Mr. Podolsky, in his letter, points out the danger of the Russian people forcing a separate peace unless steps are taken to lessen the pressure on them, and unless means are found for utilizing the vast resources of the nation in an intelligent and efficient way. He declared that the assistance given by the other entente allies up to the present has been inadequate, and urged that negotiations be conducted directly between the United States and Russia.

Hearings Closed on Army Bill.

The House military committee yesterday closed its hearings on the bill to raise an army for the war with Germany after a large delegation of anti-conscriptionists had voiced their views.

TO CALL MEETING HERE FOR WAR PROHIBITION

National President of Christian Endeavor Society Urges "Dry" Laws to Preserve Bread Supply.

DELAWARE, Ohio, April 14.—Daniel A. Poling, national head of the Christian Endeavor Society, addressing the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association at Ohio Wesleyan University here today, made a plea for "practical patriotism."

"I would like to see our churches set in the middle of potato fields this summer," said Poling in urging support of the food conservation plans of the government. "More than half the world is hungry today," Poling continued. "Twelve months from now, if the war continues so long, three-fourths of the world will be slowly starving."

"Shutting down the distilleries and breweries will increase our flour supply 15,000,000 barrels annually," Poling asserted in arguing for national prohibition.

BRITISH LABOR HEADS COMING.

Two Probably Will Be Sent for Conference at Gompers' Request.

Great Britain will send to the United States, in response to the suggestion of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and a member of the advisory council of the council for national defense, labor representatives as members of the cooperation commission to take part in the proposed conference with American representatives of finance, commerce and business for the conduct of the war.

Lloyd George, premier, in reply to Mr. Gompers, said: "Delighted to comply with your request. Two labor leaders and representatives of welfare of the British Empire, and of the British government for their labor representatives."

A cablegram from Ambassador Francis B. Pickens, announced the departure of a message from Samuel Gompers to N. S. Chekhov, labor representative in the Russian duma, congratulating him in the name of the labor in America, the Russian laboring classes on their newly gained liberty.

STRIKES AT SEDITION.

Senate Committee Would Bar Treasonable Publications from Mail.

In approving the administration espionage bill, which will be reported to the Senate tomorrow, the Senate judiciary committee attached an amendment to the Postmaster General authority to refuse the mails to publications containing matter "of a seditious, anarchistic or treasonable character." Attempts to use the mails for such matter may be punished with five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$5,000.

Common Sense in National Economy.

To the Editor of The Star:

Dear Sir: I have no desire to criticize proper efforts toward national economy. By all means urge and preach elimination of waste in our households. But with our usual impulsiveness we are all—men as well as women—organizing our patriotism into numberless leagues and committees, and talking, promising and printing a lot of nonsense. When we have simplified our meals are we going to send what we save regularly and constantly to the Red Cross fund? And in the matter of dress, if we buy fewer and cheaper clothes, what will become of the shopkeepers and their clerks, the manufacturers and their poor employees? Why should the women of the United States band together in the name of patriotism to push a million of their sisters into starvation? Whatever the war may bring, we must still meet our home problems of poverty and sickness. Suppose we cut down our daily bills, have we a good reason for doing it when it means serious trouble to our working neighbors? It is quite conceivable that the grocer and butcher and milkman would like to "do his bit," too, but our fervent patriotism would reduce his ability even to make a living, and his inability to do his bit would make him pay for it.

Patriotism is a wonderful fertilizer, but it does not produce good crops without the ground of common sense beneath it.

FLORENCE P. SPOFFORD.

Our Printed-in-German Newspapers.

To the Editor of The Star:

Our "printed-in-German" newspapers still continue to rail against England, Russia, France and Italy, in spite of the declaration of war. They have been forced to swallow their criticisms of the United States, but the subjects of more or less vicious attacks. No good can come of this. If these publications cannot print anything good about the allies, they should assume an attitude of perfect indifference, and print nothing at all—in other words, take the advice of Attorney General Gregory and "keep their mouths shut."

I have been reading the German newspapers of late, and I have observed the attitude they have been taking with regard to the declaration of war. They "rally round the flag" of the United States, but not around the flags of the allies. "There are days of stern fighting in England," they assert. "What is the chief cook not alone in Germany?" they inquire. "Cadorna reports bad weather. What's the matter with the dagoes?" England is practicing cunning upon Brazil and Argentina. Since she has failed to coerce the neutrals of the old world, England tries to back the new world.

There was a time for all this sort of thing, but that time is now past. Patriotism is no longer a religion in these times of danger must assume a stern aspect, and must go even to the extent of suppression of free speech, if that free speech is devoted to a manifestation of the enemy alien spirit. It is now the duty of these "American publications" (for such they are) to become absolutely and unequivocally pro-American.

J. A. MOSKOWITZ.

Honored by Odd Fellows.

John A. Simms, sr., an employee of the ordinance bureau of the War Department, Friday night was presented with a handsome gold Odd Fellows' jewel in recognition of the fact that he organized, in 1863, and was the first grand master of Council No. 4, of the District Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. The presentation was made by W. E. Causle, on behalf of Past Grand Masters' Council No. 4. Mr. Simms has been in the United States government service for sixty-eight years.

Demonstration on Fourth Floor Celebrated "Maxwell House" Coffee "Good to the Last Drop" And Offered at Special Prices During the Demonstration.

Maxwell House Coffee, regularly 35c per lb.	20c
Blue Ribbon Coffee, regularly 25c per lb.	20c
Maxwell House Tea, 2-oz. pkg., regularly 15c.	7c
Maxwell House Tea, 4-lb. pkg., regularly 50c.	15c
Maxwell House Tea, 1/2-lb. pkg., regularly 40c.	20c
Bliss Tea, 1/2-lb. pkg., regularly 20c.	15c

THE SHOPPING CENTER The PALAIS ROYAL Estab. 1877 Desirable Qualities—Correct in Style A. Lisner.

Visit the Art Needlework Department Now on Street Floor Added space means added interest in this case; quarters being too confined for this progressive department on the second floor it has been given a big, broad floor space at rear of main (street) floor. Visit the Art Dept. tomorrow. New things predominate.

Great Spring Sale of Rugs and Upholstery Featured for Opening of Our Enlarged Dept.---Second Floor

5,000 Yards New Cretonnes Actually Worth 29c and 35c Yard Most Remarkable Opening Special at 21c Today's most popular drapery material. New 1917 patterns in two immense special assortments.

Six big table lots to select from—the largest showing we've ever offered at one price. Beautiful floral and bird combinations, heavy quality Geneva cloth in tapestry effects; plain or striped backgrounds. All in a great assortment of color combinations too numerous to mention. Not discarded patterns, but all staple new 1917 designs that you most likely paid a much higher price for all season, and as the prices are still advancing our advice is buy now and save money.

45c and 49c Values Cretonnes A really exceptional lot of Fine Rep Cretonnes, in pretty bird and floral designs; black and white striped backgrounds. Linenized Cretonne, in butterfly designs on plain black, blue or rose background. Radium Cloth in pretty pastel colorings of rose, blue or lavender on cream backgrounds. One big table lot that we know will please those of artistic taste, as this lot is one of the prettiest we ever offered at such a low price.

Cool, Summertime Grass Rugs At prices that will make you realize there are economies to be had now that will not permit of any delay on your part.

Plain Rugs, 9x12, \$8.95. Stenciled Rugs, 9x12, at \$9.95. Stenciled Rugs, 8.3x10.6, at \$8.95. Grass Carpet, 18 in., 40c yard; 24 in., 50c yard.

There is no better place in town to buy summertime rugs. Our generous assortments make selection of size, patterns and designs a most trivial task.

Savings Extraordinary In This Great Opening Sale—On Axminster Rugs Values to \$30 10.6. Exceptionally Heavy Quality Axminster Rugs, in beautiful oriental designs and colorings. If you contemplate buying a wool rug this year buy it now, as prices are advancing daily and will be almost prohibitive before long. If you buy now you will save many dollars.

Rarely So Handsome Wilton Rugs Sizes 9x12, 8.3x10.6. Exceptionally Heavy Quality Axminster Rugs, in beautiful oriental designs and colorings. If you contemplate buying a wool rug this year buy it now, as prices are advancing daily and will be almost prohibitive before long. If you buy now you will save many dollars.

FREE Slip Covers FREE This offer for orders during week of sale; all you pay for is the material, which we expect you to purchase here. At this special offer we will make a perfect-fitting cover of the following materials only:

50-inch Linene Cloth, 59c yd.	Slip Covers for automobile roadster, \$6.95.
27-inch Linene Cloth, 24c yd.	Slip Covers for automobile touring car, \$8.95.
30-inch Cream Striped Damask, 39c yd.	Extra large pieces, such as sofas, Turkish chairs, etc., a charge of 98c will be made for the labor.

W. H. Brown's Linenized Cretonne, 49c yd.

Values Most Interesting In Cedar Chests, \$12.98 to \$17.50

Special Opening Prices On An Exceptional Lot of Floral Bordered 19c Curtain Voile One big table lot to select from. Soft quality voile, finished with floral borders and hemstitched top edge; plain or all-over figured centers. A good washable quality. The finest assortment we have ever shown at the price. All new, perfect goods. Second Floor.

Savings Unusual On Ready-Made Awnings In a choice of Blue or Brown Striped Awnings, finished with deep scalloped valance, mounted on steel frame. Complete with all fixtures ready to hang. Size 30 to 45 inch. Others, \$1.39.

At \$2.49 Choice of 8-ounce green or tan woven striped canvas, mounted on flexible steel frames, finished with deep scalloped valance. An attractive and serviceable awning that if made to order would sell at \$4 to \$6. All sizes, 30 to 50 inches, \$2.49.

Buy Here! Save Money on Window Shades 49c Oil Opaque or Holland Shades, size 3x6; all perfect; mounted on good quality spring rollers. Choice of green, ecru or white.

Cretonne Window Shades 85c Size 3x6; made of glazed cretonne in beautiful chintz or floral and bird designs. Mounted on Hartshorn rollers. Complete with fixtures ready to hang.

Linoleum, Square 39c Felt-back Linoleum, 2 yards wide, in pretty wood and conventional designs. Cut off full, perfect rolls. Splendid values.

Bath Mats, \$1.98 27x48-Inch Reversible Bath Mats, both sides blue or one side blue and one side rose; a heavily woven mat, finished with fringe ends. On Sale—Second Floor.

Green Painted Porch Curtains Komi Painted Porch Shades—Komi Porch Shades, made of fine bamboo slats, painted in good shade of green. Complete with metal pulleys and ropes. A low-priced shade that will give the service of the high-priced shade.

Art Doilie Sets (Of Cretonne) 39c Choice of blue, yellow or rose, in bird and floral or butterfly and floral designs. Large Center Doily, 4 Plate Doilies, 4 or 6 Tumbler Doilies in a set, ready to crochet or embroider. On Sale—Second Floor.

Fortunate Purchase High-grade Women's Suits Added to An Exceptionally Beautiful and Exclusive Lot of Garments From Our Regular Higher-Priced Stocks That Were Previously Priced at \$45, \$50, \$55, \$59 and up to \$65 Grouped Into One Most Unusual Collection and All Priced Tomorrow at

Tailored, Dress and Semi-Dress Styles	Sizes for Misses, Women and Extra Stout Figures	\$39.50
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Added to a most fortunate purchase of High-Grade Women's Garments are groups of suits from our higher-priced lines, all marked down to one figure and placed on sale, commencing tomorrow. Reductions such as we are making are worth serious consideration. Women who are seeking the utmost in style and quality will not be disappointed in any garment selected from this very choice lot of suits.

Most interesting is the fact that this group consists of a number of extra large sizes in very fine Hand-Tailored Suits.

Tricotini, Giuniburi, Silk Faillie Matinee	Plaid Taffeta, and Taffeta Suits	\$25
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All are beautifully tailored; fancy crepe or plain linings; many hand embroidered. Many of the coats show a novel use of plaits, braid, bindings and fancy waistcoats. New shades of light gray, rose, gold, navy blue, black and taupe.

Spring and Summer Curtains A Feature of Paramount Importance for the Opening Sale Special, \$1.39 Set Wonderful qualities Dutch Style Fine Quality Muslin Curtains, finished with rose, yellow or blue floral borders; additional lace edge and insertion make these curtains an attractive and serviceable window hanging. Top is ready hemmed for rod, complete with valance. Opening sale only \$1.39 set.

Imported Madras Curtains Special, \$2.98 Set Fine Quality Madras Curtains in pretty floral designs, cream backgrounds, with rose, blue or yellow rose patterns. Complete with valance; top ready for rod. Only \$2.98 set. On Sale—Second Floor.

Our Second Floor Department of DOMESTICS Offers unusual values in conjunction with the great Opening Sale of the new Upholstery Store.

81x90 Fine Bleached Cotton Sheets—Round thread; no dressing, finished with a taped edge woven in the sheets; giving the lasting quality not equaled by any \$1 other make.	English Longcloth—Extra good value. 10 yards to the piece. 89c Piece	42x36 Hemstitched Cohasset Bleached Pillowcases; fine quality; ready for use. 28c Each	81x99 Extra Heavy Bleached Cotton Sheets, hemstitched; same quality as Pequot. \$1.25 Each	81x99 Mohawk Bleached Cotton Sheets; wide hems; no dressing. Special, \$1	90x90 Mohawk Bleached Cotton Sheets, no dressing. Special, \$1 each
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36-in. Fine English Longcloth, made for us and marked Palais Royal special. Unusual value and much lower than today's prices. 12 yards to the piece. \$1.69 Piece

36-in. Imperial English Nainsook—Fine quality; no dressing; 12 yards to the piece. \$1.45 Piece

Remarkable quotations on Silks and Dress Goods for Monday only.

\$1.39 Chiffon Taffeta, \$1.05	\$1.50 Crepe de Chine, \$1.19 Yard	\$2.25 Crepe Meteor, \$1.89 Yd.	\$1.39 Silk & Wool Poplin, \$1.09 Yd.	French Serges, \$1.25	Novelty Suitings and Skirtings, \$1.69 Yd.
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